SEX, DRUGS, & ROCK-N-ROLL

AN ANALYSIS OF THE 2015 MONO COUNTY SDRR SURVEY

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The SDRR Collaborative



- The SDRR Collaborative was established in 2009 to address high risk adolescent behaviors such as unprotected sex, drinking, and drug use.
- Partners in this collaborative include Public Health,
 Behavioral Health, Social Services, Probation, District
 Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Mammoth Hospital,
 Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Unified School District,
 Mono County Office of Education, Eastern Sierra Unified
 School District, Wild Iris, and Mammoth Mountain.
- Due to a rise in STD rates for local teens in 2014, and lack of local data related to adolescent sexual health, collaborative partners developed the SDRR survey to assess what drives high risk behavior locally.



The SDRR Survey

- The survey is an online assessment for local youth ages 12-18, and accessed via SurveyMonkey.
- Questions for the survey were derived from other standardized youth questionnaires including the California Healthy Kids Survey, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Montana Meth Project, and the Medi-Cal Staying Healthy Assessment.
- The survey was reviewed and edited by SDRR Collaborative members, young adults in Mammoth Lakes, and the UC Davis Center for Evaluation and Research.
- Survey results will help guide the SDRR Collaborative in development and implementation of effective programs to address local concerns including unprotected sex, drinking, and drug use.

Survey Administration

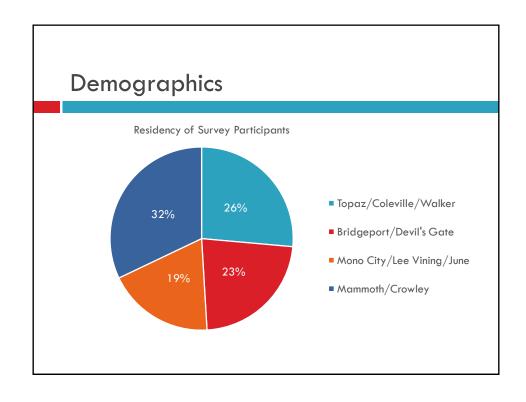
- Parental consent was obtained for all youth willing to participate in the survey.
- □ The survey was piloted with two separate groups of teens in Mammoth Lakes on March 10 and 24, 2015.
- During these pilot sessions, teens provided feedback on question design and language, survey length, integration of resource information, and question sensitivity (whether most teens would answer or answer honestly).
- The updated version of the survey was administered at Coleville High School on April 22, 2015 and at Lee Vining High School on May 6, 2015 in conjunction with a presentation on consent laws and sexting.

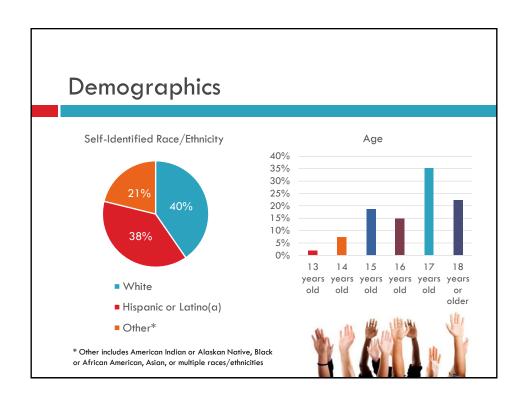


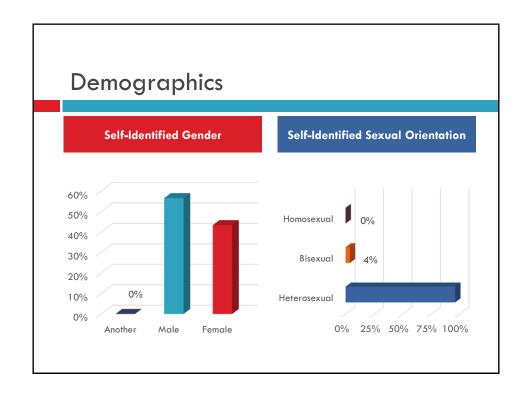
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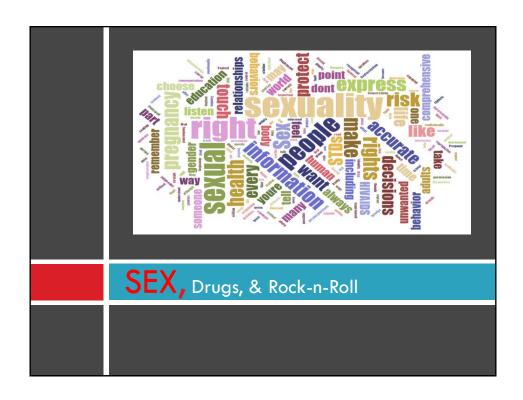


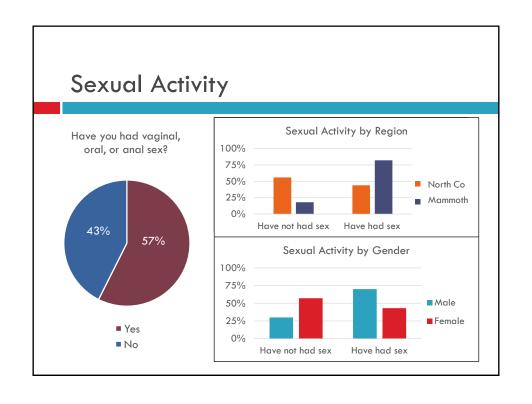
- A total of 53 teens in Mono County completed one of three versions of the SDRR Survey (Pilot 1, Pilot 2, ESUSD).
- Data for all 53 teens was combined when possible, but some data are only available for students who completed the ESUSD version of the survey.
- Data was analyzed using SurveyMonkey and SPSS software.
- As this was a convenience sample of students rather than a randomized sample, the data will show target areas for intervention, but will not be a statistically accurate picture of local high risk behavior.

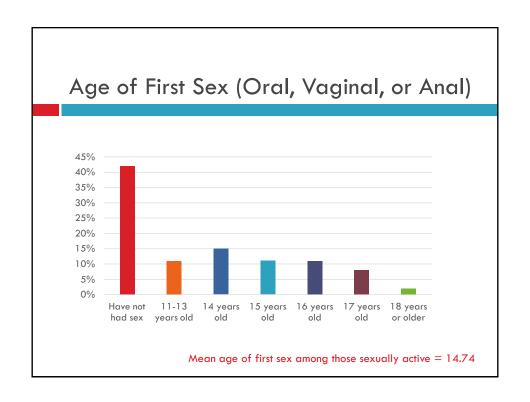


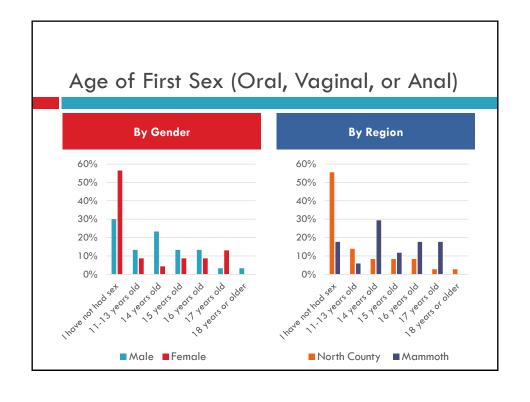


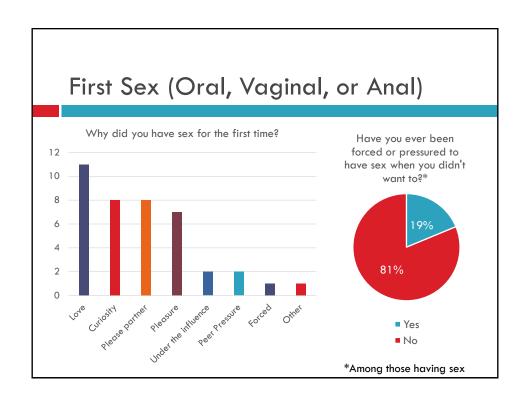


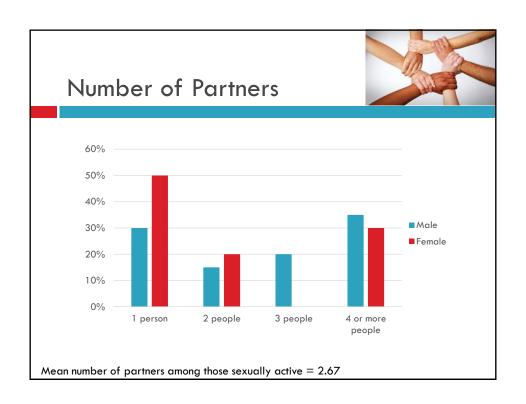


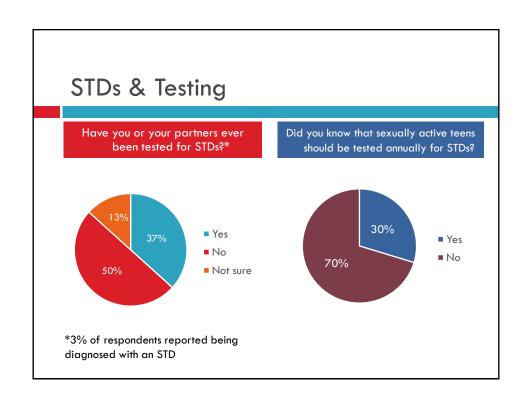


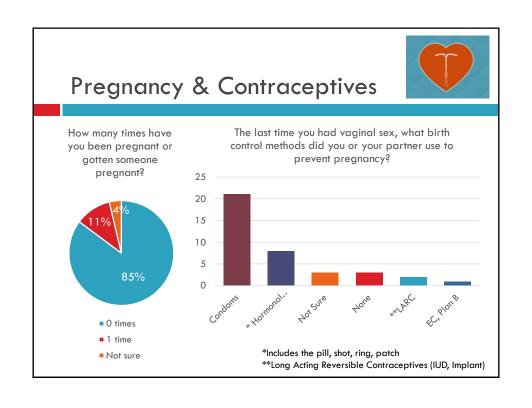


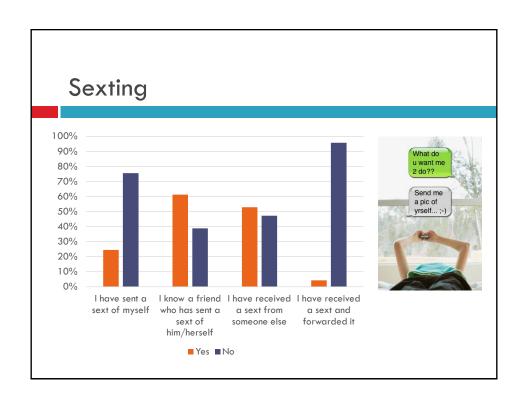


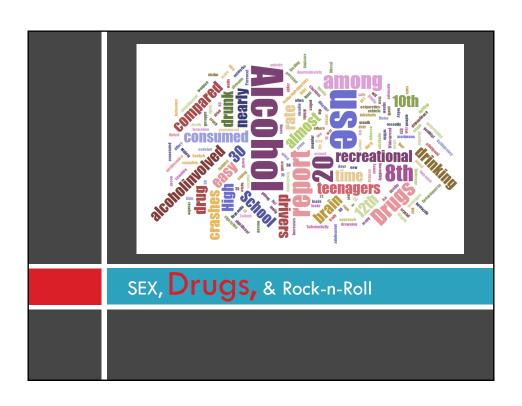


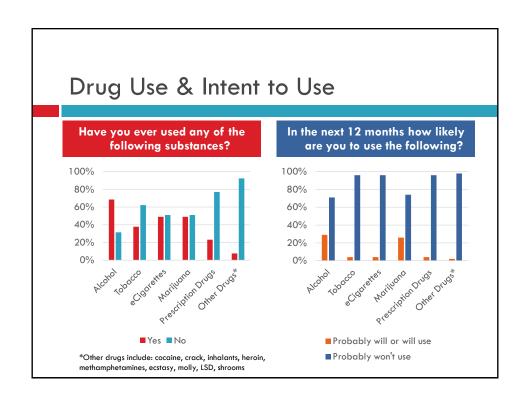


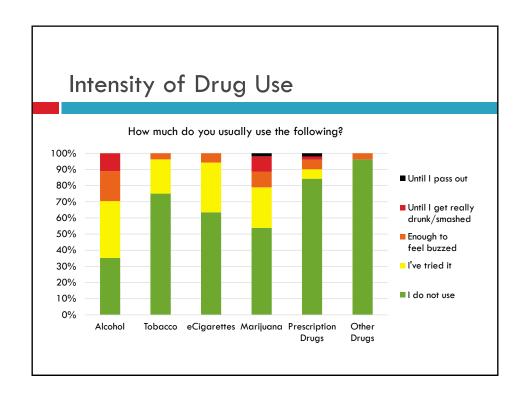


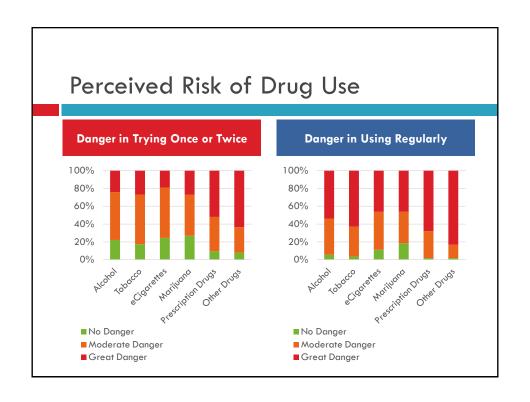


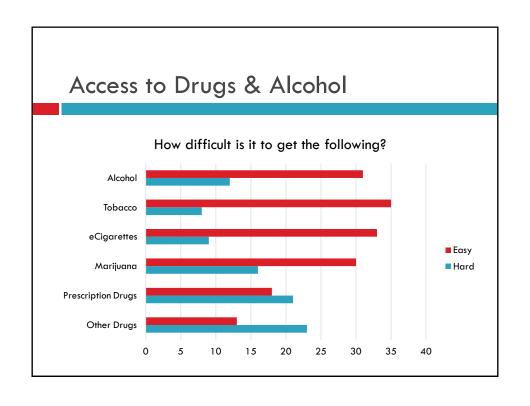


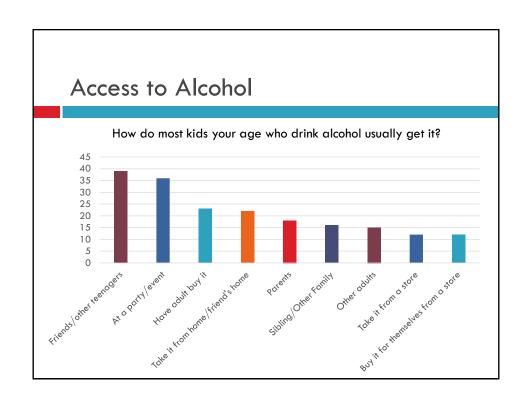


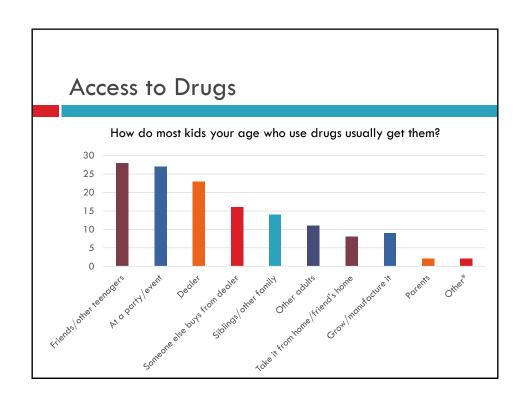


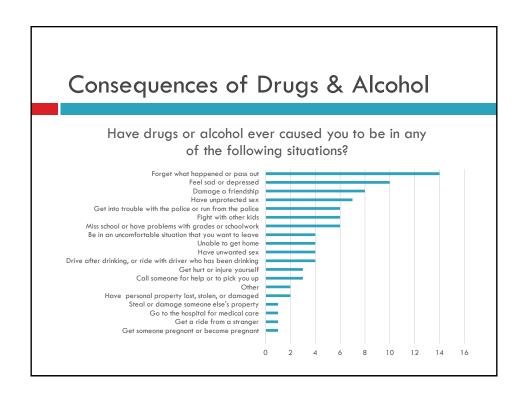




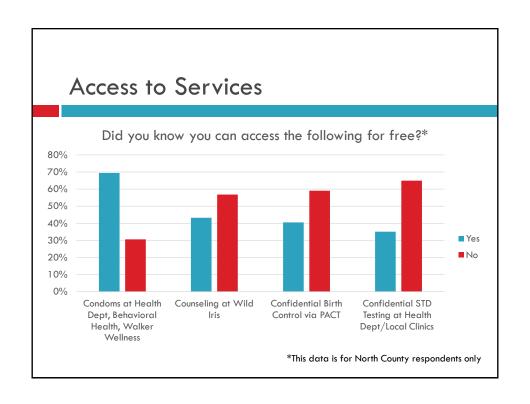


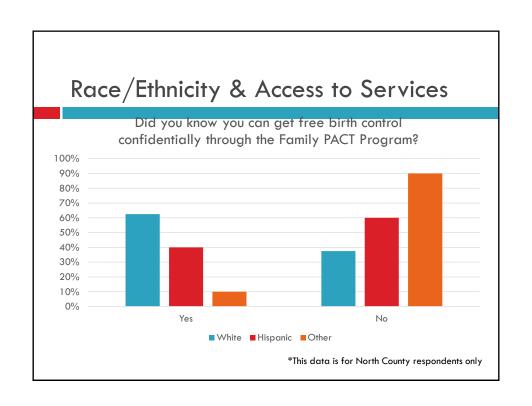












Conclusions: Sexual Health

- Critical to start sex education interventions in middle school
- Local teens are sexting
- □ Increase focus on access to services and free resources
- Normalize STD conversation and testing
- □ Raise awareness of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC)
- Limit number of partners and introduce option of returning to abstinence









Conclusions: Alcohol & Drugs

- While survey participants have tried a variety of substances, they have the lowest risk perception and highest intent to use with alcohol and marijuana.
- □ Survey participants believe eCigs are less risky than tobacco.
- They believe that it is easy to access alcohol, tobacco, eCigs, and marijuana and common sources include friends/other teens, parties/events, adults and dealers.
- Common reported consequences of substance use: passing out, feeling sad or depressed, damaging a friendship, and having unprotected sex.



Next Steps: In Progress



- Adding Sexual Behavior and Alcohol and Other Drugs Modules to California Healthy Kids Survey in Fall 2015 throughout Mono County.
- Mammoth Middle School is bringing back their 7-8th grade Life Skills program.
- Launching new comprehensive sex ed curriculum at Eastern Sierra
 Unified School District for all 7-9th graders this fall.
- □ Collaborating to create a healthier community for our youth.



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